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SUBJ: MARCONA A HIERROPERU PRESIDENT BOSSIO RUMORED TO BE
ON WAY OUT

1. RANKING MINEROPERU AND COFIDE (STATE DEVELOPMENT BANK) OFFICIALS TOLD EMBASSY OFFICER ON OCTOBER 30 IN CATEGORICAL TERMS THAT GEN (RET) JUAN BOSSIO, THE PRESENT HEAD OF HIERROPERU, WILL BE REMOVED FROM HIS POST TODAY, OCTOBER 31. BOTH OFFICIALS SAID THAT BOSSIO HAD BEEN THE MASTERMIND BETWEEN VELASCO'S DECISION TO NATIONALIZE MARCONA AND HAD, IN ESSENCE, MADE A MESS OF THE SITUATION. THE MINEROPERU OFFICIAL IMPLIED AS WELL THAT BOSSIO HAD PLANS TO ENRICH HIMSELF THROUGH COMMISSIONS FROM HIERROPERU SALES CONTRACTSM OFFICIALS SAID THAT THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND MINES HAS PROPOSED THREE COMPETENT MINING ENGINEERS TO HEAD HIERROPERU, BUT THEY PRESUME THE POST WILL PROBABLY GO TO AN ACTIVE OR RETIRED GENERAL.

2. COMMENT: RUMORS HAVE BEEN CIRCULATING FOR SEVERAL DAYS ABOUT BOSSIO'S IMMINENT DEPARTURE, BUT THE OCTOBER 31 MORNING PRESS (INCLUDING THE OFFICIAL GAZETTE) CARRIED NO MENTION OF BOSSIO'S REMOVAL. GIVEN THE OTHER SENIOR ARMY AND AIR FORCE CHANGES ANNOUNCED TODAY, AS WELL AS CONTINUING
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"MORALIZATION" CAMPAIGN, IT IS NOT SURPRISING THAT RUMORS

INVOLVING BOSSIO, A LONG-TIME CRONY OF FORMER PRESIDENT VELASCO,
ARE ALSO IN CIRCULATION.
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